The Bible & Daily Living

Family conflicts

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FAMILY SQUABBLES

Lesson for June 24, 1984
Bible Study Passage: Samuel 15: 2-12

INTROCUATION

Family conflicts sometimes last a lifetime. I recall two brothers who had a dispute ovber a boundary line. Their bitterness towards one another was so intense that they sat on opposite sides of the church for years. They neither spoke nor attended family gatherings for fear of having to appear together. Their behavior (or misbehavior) affected everyone around them. They both died never resolving their differences over a boundary line. Just think about what they missed because they failed to practice forgiveness.

Unless we monitor our behavior, we may commit sins against our own family. John Donne said that"no man is an island unto hiumself." What we do does affect those closet to us. We cannot commit wrong against someone and not see its affects upon others.

T This week's lesson looks at the way in which David's sinful misbehavior affected his life and those around hium. We know from our biblical knowledge how David's lust ended up havhaving Barthsheb Bathsheba's husband killed on the frontlines of battle as a means of covering his sinful tracks. Such behaviopr caused him touble for years to come.

POLITICAL GAMES II Samuel 15: 2-6

David's David's son Absalom tried desperately to become king. He manipulated people to believe he was the man to occupy the throne over Israel. He "buttered" people up in order to get them to endorse him for king when the day ceme. He would embrace people as a means of gaining their favor.

We know that politics is big business in our society. The approaching election signals the Christian to take serious his or her role in our country'sfuture. Those who are seeking nomination to challenge President Reagan are using all means to claim the spot on the voter's ticket.

Some politicians employ the use of a "Peposident smile" and handshake to swoon the voters to vote their way. Politicians owe it to their country to present a positive but honest image.

ABSALOM TAKES TO THE THRONE [II Samuel 15: 7-12]

Absalom went to Hebron (his hometown) to establish a base from which to wrestle the throne from his father David. There he called in all his favors and asked the people to follow his leadership. David somehow seemed to let Absalom scheme his way into office as King over Israel. Perhaps the sins of David's past created such guilt that he became impotent of power to fight back.

Absalom was a "slick" individual who could charm the fangs out of a rattlesnake! Many followed him because he was such a dreamer. Many people today are enamoured by a candidate's smile., religious preference, or one particular political ideology. Oftentimes we do not have all the facts to make sound judgements about candidates. We must study those people in order to vote with intelligence and conviction rather than vote for someone because we like the way they smile or the way they talk.

There is something pretty stirring about this story of David and Absalom. You have heard the old saying,"Like father, like son." In someways this was truee of David and Absalom. The difference, however, was that David remained a "man after God's own heart" Not in his sin but in his repentant attitude and behavior after his sin.

Parents today must be careful of the examply they set for their children. A little boy following his father on a snow-covered rocky slope said, careful where you walk Daddy. I'm following in your footprints."

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WORSHIP

Calendar

Ladies celebrate

SUNDAY JUNE 24

The Willing Workers Society of Springfield Baptist Church will celebrate their 27th ladies day anniversary Sunday, June 24 at 3 p.m.

Club celebrates

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

The 27th anniversary of the WillingWorkers Club of Springfield Baptist Church willl be celebrated Sunday, June 24 at 3 p.m. A talent program has been planned for the occasion. Everyone is invited to come and help make this program a success.

Homecoming set

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

The Appomattox Baptist Temple on Route 727 will observe Homecoming Sunday, June 24.The Rev. Barry Webster will be guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Concert slated

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

The Faithful Five Gospel Singers from Phenix will be in concert at Galilee Baptist Church at 3 p.m. this Sunday, June 24.

Event planned

Yellow Branch Baptist Church on Route 29 near Rustburg will sponsor a community track and field day Saturday at 3 p.m.

Those who live on the east side of Route 29 will compete with those who live on the west side of Route 29.

There will be races for everyone age two and older, as well as horseshoes, men's and ladies' marble shoots, and other games.

Food and refreshment will be served at 6 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH honored their 1984 high school graduates recently at a breakfast. Shown are (from left) A.C. Martin, Appomattox County High School; Laura Booth, Rustburg High School; Scott Drinkard, ACHS; Jane Harding, Class I School of Hair Design; Robert Harding, Lynchburg College; and Susie Krantz, Ralph's School of Cosmetology. Not pictured are David Stratton, VPI; and Teresa Perrow, Central Virginia Community College.

Mrs. Jones presented life membership pin

Mrs. Nancy Jones of Spout Spring, a member of Salem United Methodist Church, was presented a life membership pin from the United Methodist Women on Thursday night when the members met at the home of Mrs. Rachel Jones.

The members held hands and formed a circle of love and each person told of their experience in working with Mrs. Jones in the church.

Nancy is married to H.J. Jones, Jr., and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter, Barry Jones of Spout Spring, Alan Jones of Tennessee, and Gail Waite of Lynchburg. They have two grandsons.

Mrs. Jones is an employee of Revco Drug in Appomattox.

Pleasant Grove

Homecoming Day was held June 17 at Pleasant Grove Church on Highway 24 in Buckingham. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall by the ladies of the church.

At 1:30 p.m., a song service and dedication were held.

A large arrangement of flowers was given by Mr. Washington Heath and Mrs. Florence Amos in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heath, and their brother, Mr. Everette Heath. Seventy-five new Broadman Hymnals were given in loving memory of Paul M. "Jasper" Gunter by his family.

A new Baldwin piano was given in memory of Mr. Johnnie J. Bryant, and Mr. Willie C. Heath, by Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Norman.

The pianist's copy of the new hymn book was donated by Mrs. John E. Mann, Sr., wife of a former pastor.

The dedication service was led by Mr. Rogers Norman and closed by the Rev. Robert J. Wilkerson, pastor of the church.

Mr. Harold Wright, pianist, of Lynchburg, gave a concert of many familiar hymns.

Mrs. Teresa Redd, of West Point, Va., soloist pianist, rendered several songs.

Mr. Rogers Norman accompanied by Mr. Wright sang "Mansion on a Hilltop."

A medley of songs including "I'll fly away" and "Just a little talk" was sung by a group from Pleasant Grove.

A week of revival services will be held this week, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Virgil Hudson will be guest minister and there will be special music each night.

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Receives scholarship

Wendell Todd Scruggs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Scruggs of Appomattox, has been awarded one of four Transco Energy Co. college Scholarships.

A 1984 graduate of Appomattox County High School, he plans to attend the College of William and Mary in the fall and pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

Among his honors are high achievements in math and science; he participated in the Gifted and Talented program; lettered four years in sports, including football and basketball; selected All-District and All-Regional by area coaches.

In addition to the Transco Energy Co. scholarship which covers four years of college Scruggs has received a football scholarship.

Worley is appointed

David E. Worley of Gretna has been appointed soil conservation technician, for Appomattox, by the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He began work on June 11 and will be assisting farmers in the Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District apply conservation practices. The Robert E. Lee Conservation District is made up of the counties of Appomattox, Amherst and Campbell. Worley fills the position formerly held by Donald W. Thornhill, Jr.

Before joining SCS, Worley was employed part-time by USDA Agricultural Stabalization and conservation Service (ASCS) in Chatham. He is a 1978 graduate of Danville Community College with an associate degree in science.

Having been reared on a tobacco farm near Gretna, he is very familiar with local farming and conservation practices. He is married to the former Jackie Martin of Gretna.

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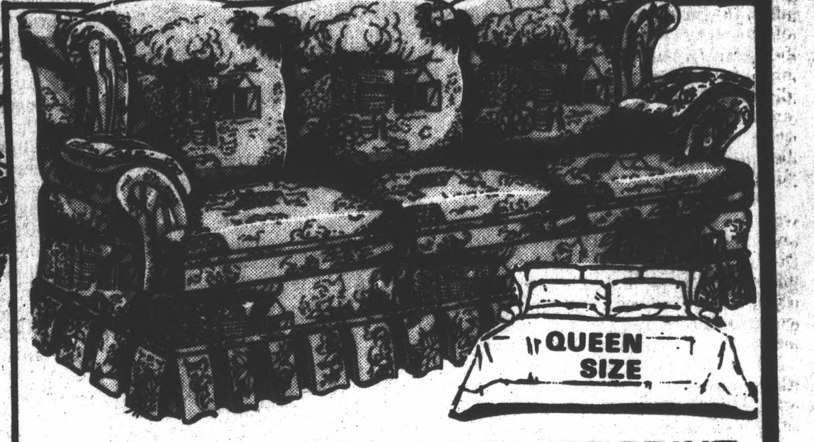

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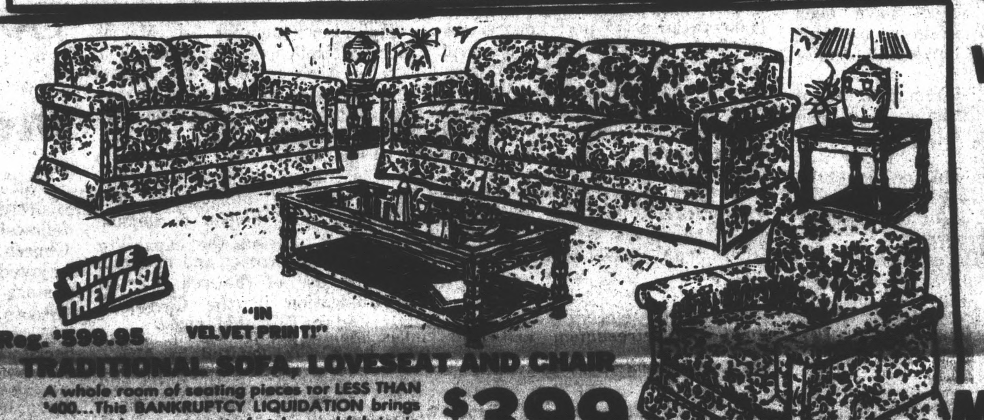

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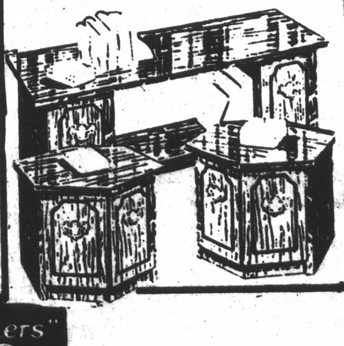

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